(c) whether the anti-nuclear radiation character of the medicine has been adequately and satisfactory tested;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the medicine is proposed to be circulated for extensive use in the event of a nuclear war in the South Asian Region, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (e) The Drugs Controller General (India), who gives the marketing authorization for any drug, has no information regarding invention of a pill to prevent the effects of Nuclear Radiation.

Rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims by DOW

2522. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that US-based DOW Chemical Company, owner of Union Carbides Ltd., Bhopal, has agreed to implement a concrete programme, for long term relief and rehabilitation of the gas disaster victims in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people who are still waiting for relief; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The Central Government in the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals has not received any proposal from M/s DOW Chemical Company in the matter.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) and (d) According to information received from the office of the Welfare Commissioner, 171 original cases, 1030 revision petitions, 13,923 appeals and 1915 restored applications are pending for compensation as on 1.7.2002. The Government is monitoring these cases on monthly basis for their expeditious disposal.